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Armageddon is approaching and while the forces of heaven and hell are preparing for the final battle, mythological monsters are terrorizing mankind. Al Simmons, reborn as Spawn, has discovered that he harbors within him the life force of innumerable dead souls. Two of these, Kumiko and Hiroshi, are battling zombies in Tennessee, while Spawn travels to India to confront Kali, the Hindu goddess of death.

Meanwhile heaven is besieged by the Forgotten, in desperation, the defenders have released Zera, Queen of the Seraphim.



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WHO
RELEASED
HER?

WE
THREE ARE
THE ONLY ONES
WHO HAVE
ACCESS TO
ZERA.

I
FREED
HER.

THE
FORGOTTEN
ARE AT OUR GATES.
HEAVEN'S FORCES
HAVE NEVER BEEN
WEAKER.

WE
NEED
ZERA.

YOU HAD
NO RIGHT TO
MAKE THAT
DECISION.

THE LORD
GOD HIMSELF
IMPRISONED
HER.

BUT IT WAS NOT
INTENDED AS A
PUNISHMENT.
ZERA HAS ALWAYS
BEEN LOYAL.

SHE MAY BE LOYAL,
BUT FOR TEN
THOUSAND YEARS
GOD HAS KEPT HER
INCARCERATED IN
THE DEEPEST, MOST
IMPENETRABLE
CHAMBER IN THIS
REALM.

YOU KNOW THE
REASON, SISTER.
ZERA IS A SERAPH
LIKE US, BUT SHE IS
ALSO ONE OF THE
MOST POWERFUL
CREATURES IN THE
UNIVERSE...

...AND SHE
IS UTTERLY
INSANE...



THAT IS THE SOURCE
OF HER POWER. IN
BATTLE, HER MADNESS
MANIFESTS ITSELF IN
THE FORM OF HER
AVATAR. A MINDLESS,
RAGING BEAST OF WAR.

I WAS RIGHT TO RELEASE HER.
ZERA WILL LEAD OUR FORCES
TO VICTORY. SHE WILL SAVE US
FROM THE FORGOTTEN.



YOU MAY
BE RIGHT,
SISTER.

BUT WHO
WILL SAVE
US FROM
ZERA?

BENGAL, NORTHERN INDIA.

BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS. EVERY VILLAGE WE PASS THROUGH IS DESERTED. WHATEVER'S TAKEN THESE PEOPLE IS CLOSE.

I CAN SMELL DEATH ON THE AIR.

A FEW SURVIVORS CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS, BABBLING ABOUT SILENT KILLERS DRESSED IN BLACK.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AL? WHY HAVE WE STOPPED?

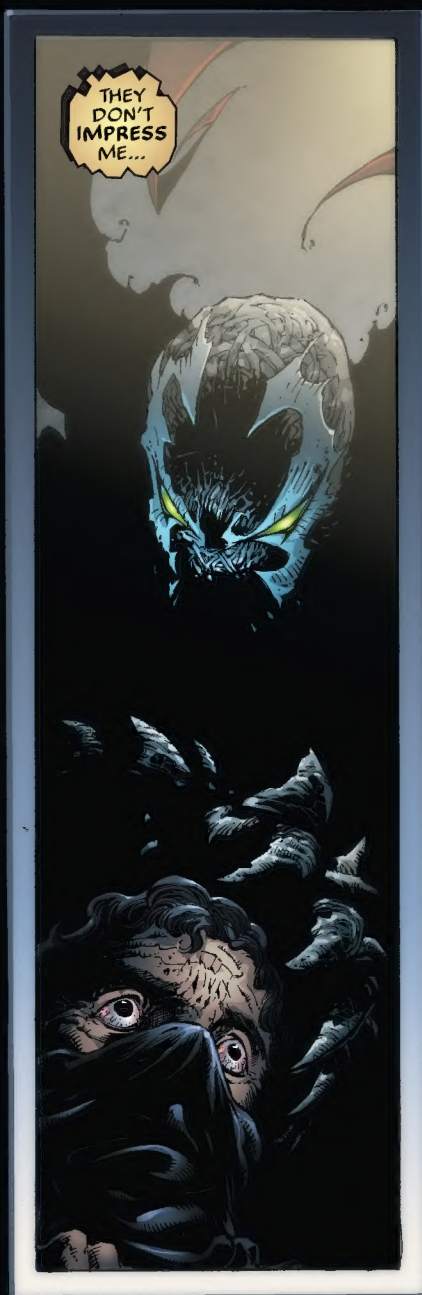
THEY SAY THE CULT OF THUGGEE HAS RETURNED. THE FOLLOWERS OF KALI--GODDESS OF DEATH.

I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE MISSING VILLAGERS.



DURING THEIR REIGN OF TERROR THE THUGS ARE SAID TO HAVE SLAUGHTERED OVER A MILLION VICTIMS. THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED THE MOST VICIOUS KILLERS WHO EVER LIVED.

KEEP MOVING, UNLESS YOU PREFER TO END YOUR LIFE HERE!



THEY DON'T IMPRESS ME...



AAAKK!!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHY ARE YOU KILLING THESE PEOPLE?



THEY ARE SACRIFICES TO OUR MOTHER, KALI.

SHE HAS RETURNED TO RID THIS WORLD OF EVIL. SHE WILL SEND YOU AND YOUR KIND BACK TO HELL!

REALLY?



THEN I'LL
SEE YOU
THERE!



I SEE YOU
HAVEN'T YET
LEARNED THE
VALUE OF
MERCY.

MAN OF
MIRACLES.
KNEW HE'D
SHOW UP.

ARE YOU
HERE TO GIVE ME
ANOTHER LECTURE?
WHAT WAS IT
LAST TIME?

'LISTEN
TO THE
VOICES...'



AND YOU
HAVE LISTENED.
I TOLD YOU THEIR
LANGUAGES
WOULD BECOME
AS ONE.

THE
THUG...
YOU
SPOKE
TO HIM
AL.

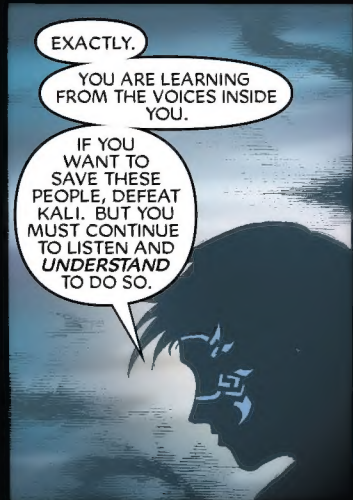


SO?



HE WAS
SPEAKING A
LOCAL DIALECT.
AN OBSCURE
FORM OF
URDU.

BUT I
UNDER-
STOOD
HIM...



EXACTLY.

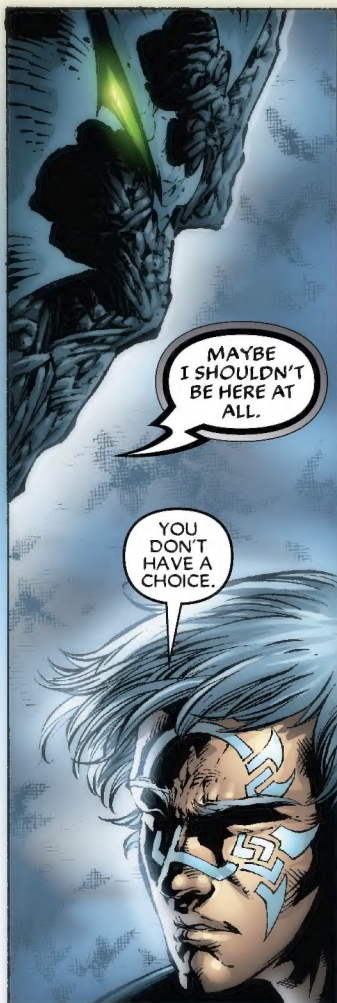
YOU ARE LEARNING
FROM THE VOICES INSIDE
YOU.

IF YOU
WANT TO
SAVE THESE
PEOPLE, DEFEAT
KALI. BUT YOU
MUST CONTINUE
TO LISTEN AND
UNDERSTAND
TO DO SO.



LOOK AROUND YOU! THIS IS THE GODDESS OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

YOU EXPECT ME TO DISCUSS HER **ANGER MANAGEMENT** ISSUES?!



MAYBE I SHOULDN'T BE HERE AT ALL.

YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.



I ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE.

I REFUSED TO BE RULED BY HEAVEN OR HELL...

I'LL BE **DAMNED** IF I'LL BE TOLD WHAT TO DO BY YOU!

SO WHAT **WILL** YOU DO? SKULK IN YOUR ALLEYS WHILE THE WORLD IS TORN APART?

THE APOCALYPSE WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING. THERE WILL BE NO MORE ALLEYS. NO MORE CITIES.

NO MORE HUMAN RACE.

EVERYONE WILL DIE. WANDA, CYAN, EVERYONE...



YOU'RE NOT DOING THIS FOR ME, AL.

THERE ARE PEOPLE YOU STILL CARE ABOUT.

DO IT FOR THEM.



YOU'LL NEED HELP TO DEFEAT KALI.

CHRIS KNOWS WHAT TO DO.



WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON.



I DON'T KNOW. I JUST KNOW I FEEL SAFE WHEN HE'S AROUND.

WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE IS?



AL... I HAVE TO GO INSIDE NOW.

YOU'RE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

I THINK SO.



UNNNNGGGGHHH





MY NAME IS AMAL SURENDRA. THIS IS MY WIFE, SHANTI.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?

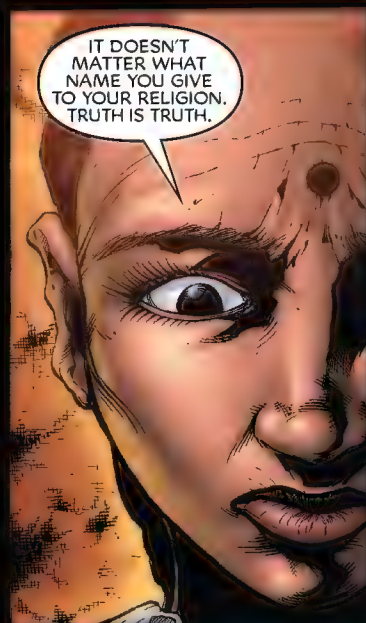
YES, THIS IS... INSIDE SPAWN'S HEAD I GUESS...



THIS IS THE *PRETAS* REALM. THE REALM OF HUNGRY GHOSTS.

THAT'S HINDU, RIGHT?

I'M...MY MOTHER'S BAPTIST.



IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT NAME YOU GIVE TO YOUR RELIGION. TRUTH IS TRUTH.



WE DIED... LEFT THE WORLD OF MORTAL MEN...OUR KARMA HAS BROUGHT US HERE...

WE WERE TOO ATTACHED TO WORLDLY THINGS, SO WE MUST REMAIN HERE, WHERE HUNGER AND THIRST CAN NEVER BE SATISFIED, UNTIL WE LEARN TO FREE OURSELVES FROM OUR DESIRES AND POSSESSIONS.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY-



WE HAVE *ONE* THING...



SO GET RID OF IT, THROW IT AWAY...

NO!



IT IS VERY PRECIOUS TO US. WE ARE *NOT* READY...

LOOK. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HUNGRY GHOSTS, BUT I DO KNOW YOU'RE *NEEDED* IN THE REAL WORLD...

RIGHT-



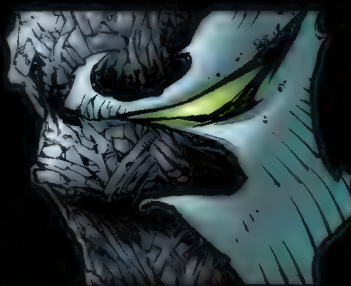
-NOW!



WHERE ARE WE?

IS THIS HELL?

THIS IS BENGAL. THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF BALLAVPUR.



WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

DID YOU DO THIS?

THESE PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY FOLLOWERS OF KALI.

I'M HERE TO END THIS.



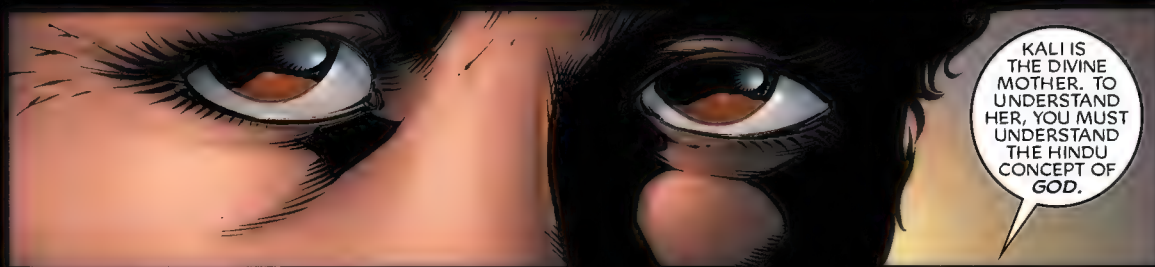
YOU'RE SPAWN. CHRISTOPHER SAID YOU NEED OUR HELP.

TELL ME ABOUT KALI.



HOW CAN WE TRUST HIM. LOOK AT HIM!

I TRUST HIM. BESIDES, WHAT HARM CAN IT DO TO ENLIGHTEN HIM?



KALI IS THE DIVINE MOTHER. TO UNDERSTAND HER, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE HINDU CONCEPT OF GOD.



OUR RELIGION IS BASED UPON A JOURNEY THROUGH MANY CYCLES OF **DEATH AND RE-BIRTH**, TO REACH THE STATE OF NIRVANA, WHERE WE TRANSCEND OUR PHYSICAL BODIES AND ACHIEVE SPIRITUAL PERFECTION.

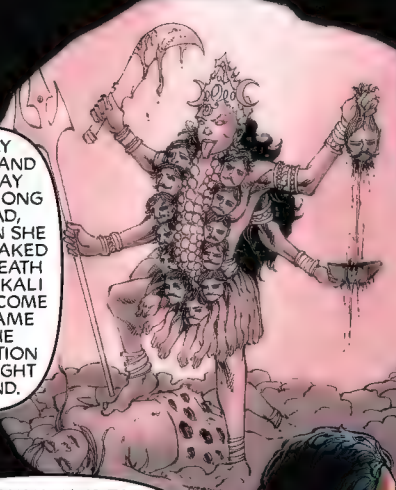


WE ARE GUIDED BY THE **VEDAS**, BOOKS OF WISDOM WHICH CONTAIN LEGENDS OF THE GODS.



KALI DESTROYED THE DEMONIC ARMY, SLASHING THEM TO PIECES WITH HER SWORD, **TEARING THEIR HEADS OFF WITH HER TEETH**.

ACCORDING TO THESE LEGENDS THE GODS CREATED KALI OUT OF PURE LIGHT TO BATTLE MAHISHASURA AND HIS ARMY OF DEMONS.



EVENTUALLY THE LAND WAS COVERED WITH MOUNDS OF CARCASSES. THE DEMONS WERE DEFEATED, BUT KALI WAS INTOXICATED WITH **DEATH**. SHE COULDN'T STOP TEARING AT THE CORPSES AND DRINKING THEIR BLOOD.

FINALLY HER HUSBAND **SHIVA** LAY DOWN AMONG THE DEAD, AND WHEN SHE SAW HIS NAKED BODY BENEATH HER FEET, KALI WAS OVERCOME WITH SHAME AND THE DESTRUCTION WAS BROUGHT TO AN END.



BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, THIS STORY IS AN **ALLEGORY**, REPRESENTING THE ETERNAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE CREATIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE SIDES OF OUR NATURE. IT'S NOT INTENDED AS LITERAL TRUTH.

KALI IS A MYTH.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TELL HER THAT.



FOOLISH
DEMON! YOU'VE
SAVED ME THE TROUBLE
OF HUNTING YOU
DOWN.

YOU'VE BEEN
MISINFORMED.
I'M NOT A DEMON.
I'M HERE TO END
YOUR REIGN OF
TERROR BEFORE IT
BEGINS!



TERROR?
I AM A FORCE
FOR LIFE, WHAT I
KILL IS REBORN,
BUT YOU...



...YOU
ARE THE VOID.
YOU **CONSUME**
THOSE YOU
KILL.



AND
NOW I
SHALL
CONSUME
YOU!

JOSHUA CREEK, TENNESSEE.



THERE
AREN'T SO
MANY OF THEM.
WE SHOULD
GO OUT THERE
AND **FINISH**
THEM OFF.



WHY?
WE'RE NO
DIFFERENT
THAN THOSE
ZOMBIES.

WE'RE
DEAD
TOO.

WE
DON'T
BELONG
HERE.

WE WERE
BROUGHT
BACK FOR A
PURPOSE,
KUMIKO. OUR
LIVES WERE
ENDED TOO
SOON.



GRAND-
FATHER,
WHAT DID
YOU MEAN
WHEN YOU
SAID YOU
KILLED
ME?

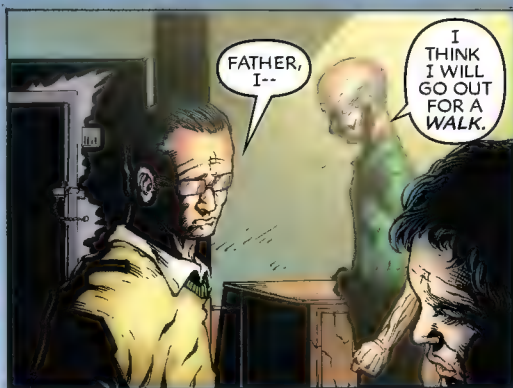


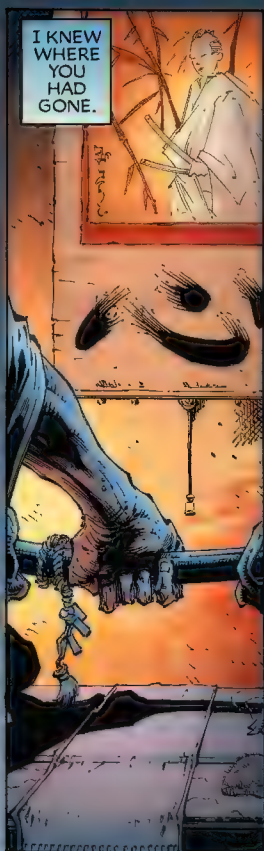
YOU DON'T
REMEMBER?



I'M NOT
SURE...
SOME OF
IT.

I REMEMBER
FIGHTING WITH
MOTHER AND
FATHER.



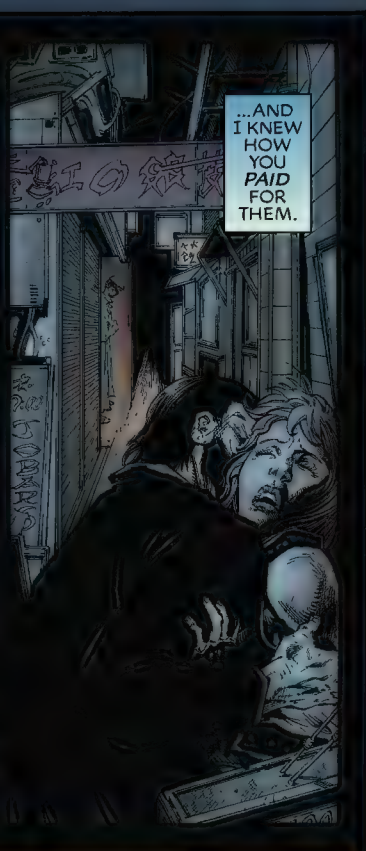


I KNEW
WHERE
YOU
HAD
GONE.



I HAD BEEN
FOLLOWING YOU
FOR WEEKS.

I KNEW ABOUT
THE DRUGS...



...AND
I KNEW
HOW
YOU
PAID
FOR THEM.



IT WAS FOOLISH.
I KNOW THAT
NOW. I WAS
JUST A RETIRED
MANAGER OF A
SMALL PRINTING
HOUSE. BUT OUR
ANCESTORS
WERE SAMURAI.

I THOUGHT I
COULD SAVE
YOU AND
RESTORE THE
HONOR OF
OUR FAMILY.

GENJI,
SEE WHO'S
AT THE
DOOR.



WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

I HAVE
COME FOR
KUMIKO.





I CAME TO RESCUE YOU. BUT IT WAS YOU WHO GAVE YOUR LIFE TRYING TO SAVE ME.



I REMEMBER.

I DESPISED YOU...MY PARENTS...I WAS SO SELFISH...

I THOUGHT BEING YOUNG WAS EVERYTHING.



I'M SO SORRY, GRAND-FATHER.



I SHOULD HAVE TRIED TO KNOW YOU BETTER.

I APOLOGIZE TO YOU KUMIKO-CHAN.



WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

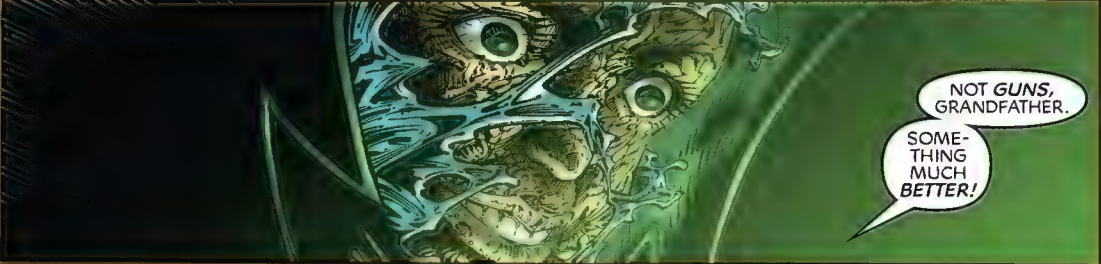
SOMEHOW WE ARE LINKED TO THE SPAWN. HE BROUGHT US HERE FOR A PURPOSE.

WE HAVE A TOWN TO SAVE.



I NEED
NEW
WEAPONS.

YOUR
COSTUME--
IT'S MAKING
NEW GUNS
FOR YOU!

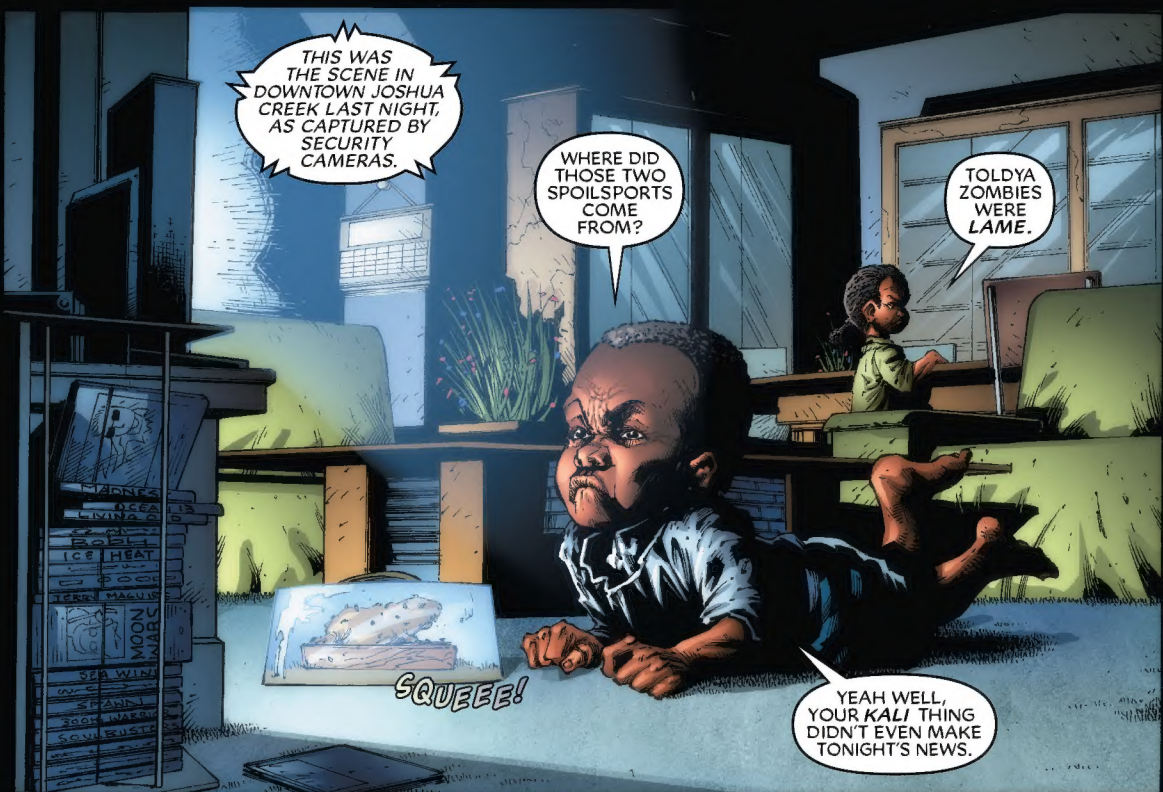


NOT GUNS,
GRANDFATHER.

SOME-
THING
MUCH
BETTER!



LET'S GO
KILL SOME
ZOMBIES!





I TOLD HIM
HE'D BE
SORRY.



TO BE CONTINUED...



Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE